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SUBJECT: MBA NEGOTIATIONS

REF: A. MANILA 5847; B. STATE 123639

1. WHEN I SPOKE TO MARCOS JUNE 14 ABOUT ECONOMIC NEGOTIATIONS, HE VOLUNTEERED FACT THAT MBA PANEL HAD BEEN FORMED UNDER CHAIRMANSHIP OF FORMER VICE PRESIDENT EMMANUEL PALAEZ, HAD BEEN INSTRUCTED, AND WAS PREPARED TO BEGIN NEGOTIATIONS. I UNDERTOOK TO WORK OUT SCHEDULE DIRECTLY WITH PALAEZ.

2. IT IS MY HOPE TO BEGIN DISCUSSIONS IN THIS FORUM WEEK OF JUNE 17. FROM THAT EXPERIENCE, WE WILL LEARN WHEN IT WOULD APPEAR FEASIBLE TO MOVE TO LARGER GROUP WHICH WOULD INCLUDE WASHINGTON CONTINGENT. HOPEFULLY, WE WILL BE ABLE TO MOVE FAST ENOUGH TO MAKE SUCH A STEP POSSIBLE DURING PRESENCE GEORGE ALDRICH HERE IN MANILA.

3. TENURE LANGUAGE WILL HAVE TO AWAIT SOME PROGRESS IN PANEL. LAST TIME I ASKED FOR SUCH LANGUAGE, I RECEIVED THE LONG MEMORANDUM OF DESIDERATE FROM PONCE ENRILE WHICH I GAVE TO CERTAIN INTERESTED OFFICIALS DURING MY WASHINGTON
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CONSULTATIONS. IT WOULD BE MORE PRODUCTIVE TO AWAIT

DEVELOPMENT OF NEGOTIATING CONTEXT INTO WHICH TENURE WILL BE INSERTED RATHER THAN SEEK A TENURE ARTICLE IN ISOLATION.

4. MARCOS AGAIN ASKED RE FORMAT OF AGREEMENT. HE SPECIFICALLY WAS CONCERNED WHETHER DOCUMENT WILL BE SUBJECTED TO CONGRESSIONAL DEBATE (WITH PREDICTABLE ATTACKS ON HIS GOVERNMENT) OR WHETHER IT COULD BE NEGOTIATED AS AN EXECUTIVE AGREEMENT AND MERELY "NOTIFIED" TO CONGRESS. I TOLD HIM I WAS STILL AWAITING DEFINITIVE GUIDANCE, BUT IN ANY EVENT, I ASSUMED DOCUMENT WOULD REQUIRE EITHER ADVISE AND CONSENT AS A TREATY OR JOINT IMPLEMENTING RESOLUTION UNDER CASE AMENDMENT. HE SEEMED DEPRESSED BY THIS RESPONSE.

5. MY INTENTION WITH RESPECT TO LAND RELINQUISHMENT AT CLARK WOULD BE TO HANDLE IT BY SIMPLE EXCHANGE OF NOTES, AS WE HAVE DONE IN THE PAST, BUT ONLY REPT ONLY AGAINST RECEIPT OF CLEAR TITLE TO 25 ACRES AT FORT BONIFICIO.

6. WE EAGERLY AWAIT RESPONSE ON INTER SE MATTERS AND HOPE WE CAN HAVE IT IN HAND PRIOR JUNE 17.
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